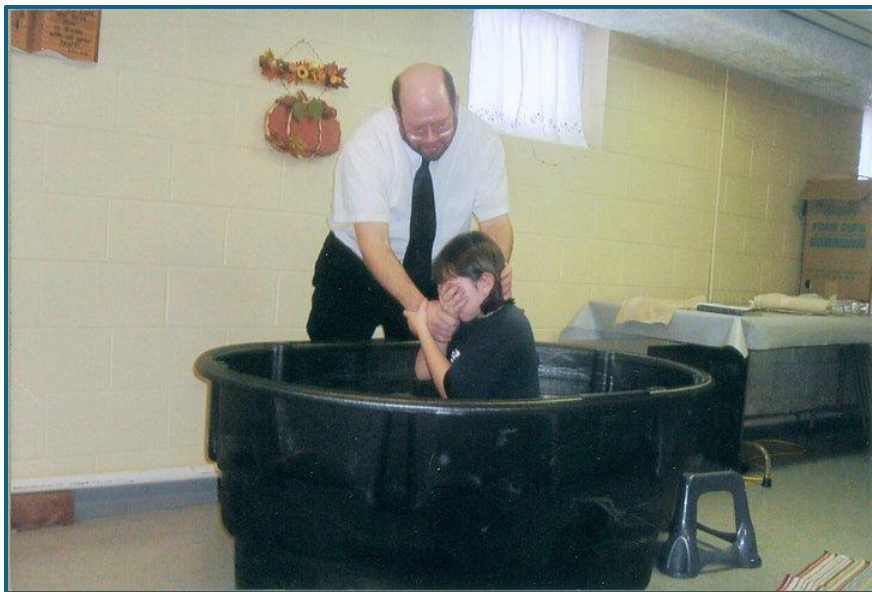


“INTO WHAT THEN WERE YOU BAPTIZED?”

—ACTS 19:3 (LSB)



And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said to him, “No, we have not even heard if the Holy Spirit is being received.” And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.”—Acts 19:2-3

VALLEY GBC OF ARMAGH, PA
AUG. 3, AD 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2025

- ONE IS YOUR MASTER AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN -

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Glory be the Father"* (#559).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (#55).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-7.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"To God be the Glory"* (#64).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy"* (#35).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: *"BAPTISM: THE TRINITARIAN CONFESSION."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Lord, we Praise You"* (#65).

Benediction.*



Week of July 27 – Aug. 2

Sunday School—9; Morning Worship—14;

Midweek—7; Weekly Offering—\$995.⁰⁰

Cover Illustration: Baptism of Elizabeth Reese, Center Church (Garrett, PA).

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study: Thurs., 6:30PM.

Africa Update (7/29/25): Keith Merriman

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. I am including a message I received from Pastor Roger Yoda (Kampala, Uganda) this morning.

Hello pastor Keith. We are facing a challenge on the church permit renewing. This time the NGO bureau added a lot of documents that's demand going to many other offices and spend money. I have already spent too much money and we have finished all documentations . Now they are charging us a penalty of 6 million (around \$1900) shillings of delaying. We wrote a letter of explanation but still we have to pay that at the bank. If we delay they will keep adding and each month is 2 million.

Pastor Roger and his church are trying to get the land title from the government for the land they purchased last year. They have already spent thousands of dollars in legal fees, lawyer fees and government fees and they need to finalize these land documents for the church in Kampala. I sent \$2000 this morning to pastor Roger for the penalty they owe (it is a long story, I spoke with Pastor Roger this morning about it - they needed an inspection by the NGO office before finalizing the documents. The NGO (non governmental office) delayed 10 months before they finally sent an inspector and approved the inspection of the property. But when Roger went to get the documents they said that the church was 10 months late! Roger wrote a letter and also appeared in person appealing to the NGO office that it was their fault in not sending an inspector on time. The response was that it didn't matter who was at fault, the law says they must pay the penalty. Originally it was \$1000 a month for 10 months but they agreed if they paid 2 months penalty they would give them the land title.) I am asking you all to pray that they will give the land title to Roger when he pays the fee and that they will not just require something else (the government corruption is so great in Africa !!!)

Thanks for your prayers on this matter.
God bless, Keith

THIS SUNDAY is our Church Picnic, directly after services. **EVERYONE** is welcome and encouraged to remain with us and enjoy the food & fellowship.

“Is Rebaptism Appropriate?”

Acts 19:3: And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?”

I wasn’t raised Brethren—I am Brethren by *choice*. Obviously, there are enormous advantages to being raised Brethren and experiencing nurture in solid teaching—but the Lord *can* providentially make use of those church backgrounds that are “less-than-perfect,” unto His glory!

In terms of my church experience as a kid, my family was affiliated with a *Campbellite Church* (which go by the names “Christian Church,” “Disciples of Christ,” and “Non-instrumental Church of Christ”). We were irregular in our attendance (of which I am *thankful*, given the church’s heretical inclinations!), but I was baptized when I was around twelve, because of the strong Campbellite emphasis in this regard.

After I was eventually saved in my 20’s, I drifted into Somerset GBC, where I was rebaptized by Trine Immersion. The problems with the Campbellite baptism were multiple, as enumerated below.

1) Wrong intent: the Campbellites believe in *baptismal remission*; for them, baptism IS your salvation! This is why the Baptist Church threw out their founder, Alexander Campbell, for heresy!

2) Wrong form/mode: Campbellites exclusively practice a Baptist-style *single immersion*, which doesn’t accord with Mt.28:19.

3) Wrong authority: the Campbellite Church is *not a Bible-believing church*; it is a sectarian borderline-cultic society that teaches extreme legalism and *Pelagianism* (an ancient heresy that denies Original Sin and the Holy Spirit’s role in conversion).

4) Wrong candidate: *I was not saved* when I was baptized by the Campbellites. Instead, I was a lost person who knew nothing of the Biblical Plan of Salvation or the grace of God in Jesus Christ—and was thus being baptized ***in order to be saved!***

Should YOU be rebaptized—like myself and the people in Acts 19:1-7? Well, if ANY one of the four points enumerated above apply, then the answer is **“YES!”**—*Pastor Terry L. Reese*